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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM EXTENDS OVER COMING WEEK END AT MT. HERMON

Diplomas were awarded to 150 graduates at Northfield School for Girls at the 66th Commencement exercises held in the Auditorium Monday morning. Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the school, made the presentations and Dr. Charles C. Noble, Dean of Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University, delivered the commencement address.

Town Topics

Mrs. Maude N. Voris of Jamaica, N. Y., is at her cottage in Mountain Park and last week entertained a party of friends. Miss Roe, Mrs. DuBois and Mrs. Bergin also of Jamaica, N. Y.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Lewis H. Wood as Postmaster at Mount Hermon according to information from Washington.

Rev. Francis C. Schlatter, pastor of the Unitarian Church at Bernardston expects to spend the summer on a tour of Europe and a trip around the world by Airplane. He will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., were visitors last weekend at their cottage on Rustic Ridge.

Miss Ruth Card and Miss Gertrude Lauber of Elmhurst, N. Y., reopened their cottage on Woodruff Way last week. It will be occupied by friends in July and they will occupy during August.

Miss Daisy Treen of Brookline is at her cottage on the Highlands for the summer.

Mrs. Charles Wright, her daughter Shirley and her mother and sister of Maplewood, N. J., spent a few days last week at her cottage in Mountain Park.

The WOTU will meet at the home of Mrs. David Tomkins at 3 p. m. June 15. Unto Hantunen, editor of the PRESS, will be guest speaker.

Harry C. Gates, 77, celebrated his birthday on June 2. Mr. Gates now living in Orange, was born in Northfield and moved to the former town when he was twenty. He is the son of the late Sumner and Mary (Holton) Gates and was for many years president of the Orange Bank as well as conducting a dry goods business. His sister, Mrs. Eva A. Smart, lives in So. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Alexander of Mt. Hermon called on June 8 for a summer vacation with Mr. Alexander's family in Heliopolis, Egypt. They sailed from Brooklyn on the "Atlanta City" and will land in Alexandria.

School's out — watch out! The National Safety Council asks that motorists be especially alert for children in residential areas and near playgrounds.

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Historical Society Plans Short Tour

The Northfield Historical Society will open its eight-day session on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls on June 16. Included among the conference leaders, who will speak at Auditorium meetings and conduct Bible classes and discussion groups are President William E. Park of the Northfield Schools; Rev. Russell H. Bishop of the First Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.; Dr. James T. Cleland of Duke University; Dr. Howard Thurman of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, San Francisco, California; Rev. Richard Williams of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Albert T. Molle of Virginia Theological Seminary.

Miss Margaret Shields, a new member of the Historical Society, formerly in the physics department at Mount Holyoke College, gave the commemorative address on Fort Dummer.

This was a sample of one of the annual field days held in 1896 by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, which has its museum, Memorial Hall, in Old Deerfield. That organization, was largely due to George Sheldon, the Northfield and Deerfield Historian.

The field day in 1896 drew 1500 to 2000 people from near and far by train. The Brattleboro D. A. R. were hostesses and the Brooks House served the collation near the fort site.

The fort served for 35 years in defending the valley against the raids of French and Indians and in the interval of peace as a trading post. Here was born Timothy Dwight, the first white birth on Vermont soil, an ancestor of two other Timothys who were presidents of Yale College. A picture of the fort was shown Tuesday evening.

An extra project of the Society is to be a historic picnic tour on Tuesday, June 21, open to the public with speeches at several points. The trip will be from the Dartmouth Gate to New Hampshire through Northfield, Riverside in Gill to Greenfield's old first church site, two monuments of the Turners Falls fight, Mrs. Williams' monument, Fort Sheldon in Bernardston and then back to Northfield. The field day speeches of the PVMA and other local histories will be sources for the talks. Programs, maps, records on monuments will be prepared.

Each person will provide picnic supper and groups will furnish their transportation. For current expenses of the museum a free-will contribution will be requested this time instead of a food sale.

This is a chance for the public to share in local history.



MARSHALL

A daughter, Georgeann, on June 7 to Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. Grandparents: Major and Mrs. William M. Marshall, East Northfield, now in Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pierson, Athol.

Girls' Conference To Open Season

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Other conferences scheduled for the summer are the Christian Endeavor Conference, the Missionary Conference, the Religious Education Conference, the United Presbyterian Conference and the Northfield General Conference.

Sanderson Now Troop Committee Chairman

W. W. Sanderson, recently elected president of the Northfield Brotherhood, has also been named as Boy Scout Troop Committee chairman to succeed Edgar J. Livingston who recently resigned after many years of service in local and county boy scout work.

Sanderson was named at a meeting of the combined Troop Committee and special committee appointed at the last Brotherhood meeting.

Attending were: Ralph Sargent, Ralph Livermore, Louis Abbey, Edgar J. Livingston, Alvin C. Porter, Harold A. Briesmaster, John Hantunen, Philip Mann, Jr., and William Bytell.

Ralph Schwartz, field director for boy scout work in this area spoke briefly to the group.

Northfield A.A.

Home games every Wednesday. Home games every other Sunday. Next home game, Wednesday June 22, with the Athol team.

STRAWHAT CIRCUIT

Keene Summer Theatre Opens June 27

The definite repertoire of the Keene Summer Theatre which opens its season on Monday, June 27, includes the comedy hit "For Love or Money", the exciting "An Inspector Calls", the sophisticated "When Ladies Meet", the comedy hit "Parlor Story", the international success "The Winslow Boy", the ruthless "Strange Bedfellows", the Ruth Gordon's starring comedy "Here Today", this season's thriller "The Heiress" and the smart comedy "The Second Man."

This season's stage director will be L. Elsing Parke who, although young in years, has an imposing background of experience to back up his theatrical ability. He will be seen in a number of important parts in addition to his directorial chores.

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Your Summer Mail

Local postmasters have urged all local individuals and families leaving for the summer to make sure that they have arranged for the forwarding of their mail during their absence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12, Northfield High School Baccalaureate Service at the Congregational Church, 11 a. m.

June 15, WCTU meeting at the home of Mrs. David Tomkins 3 p. m.

June 19, Children's Day program at the Congregational Church, 11 a. m.

June 20, Roller Skating Party.

June 22, VFW meeting, 8 p. m. Post Quarters.

June 24, Strawberry supper at Vernon Union Church, 5:30 to 6:30.

June 24, OPC meeting, Town Hall 8 p. m.

Heed your speed! A speed violation is reported in about one out of every three fatal traffic accidents, according to the National Safety Council. The faster you go the longer it takes to stop — and the harder you hit when you don't.

The gasoline age has modified a Biblical injunction. Sunday is the day of arrests.

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RESIDENTS OF FIVE TOWNS VISIT HOUSATONIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday, June 7, more than 30 residents and school children of School Union 22, went to Canaan, Conn., to visit and inspect the Housatonic Valley Regional High School built there just ten years ago this month.

This Regional High School, the first school of its kind to be established in New England, was created by a special act by the General Assembly of Connecticut on June 11, 1937. The act applies only to this school.

The school is located on a wide level 77 acre area on the banks of the Housatonic River facing the towering slopes of Mt. Mansfield, with the impressive Taconic Ridge serving as the backdrop. The school, of colonial styling, with 18 classrooms and an expansive library on the second floor, is faced with "Stony Creek" granite from Connecticut.

At the beginning of the school year the enrollment was 456, just exceeding the nominal enrollment capacity of 450. The original cost of the school, site and buildings included, was \$375,000, with \$200,000 being furnished by the six towns participating in the consolidation. The government in the form of the RWA and the WPA furnished the remainder. The school was recently assessed for insurance purposes at \$850,000. The school has its own water and sewage systems.

Dr. Paul W. Stoddard, principal of the school since its inception, explained to the visitors that the towns handle the transportation — either through contracts or by direct control. 13 busses provide transportation. The school itself is almost in the geographical center of the six towns, and some areas are as much as 18 miles from the school. Despite the distances, however, Dr. Stoddard pointed out that no one has to leave for school before eight, and no one arrives home after 4:20 in the afternoon. The school hours are 9 to 3, and Dr. Stoddard added, "They don't mind the bus ride." The state pays 50% of transportation costs.

The school, consisting of grades 9-12, with 22 teachers, 13 of them men, is mainly one floor, with the library, 4 classrooms and projection booth occupying the second floor. One of the rooms on the second floor, used as an English classroom, has a small stage used by the students for presentation of plays, selected readings and recitations. The library, also on the second floor, is used as a study hall, and has 5000 books, subscribes to 30 magazines and 5 papers.

The six towns, with a total population of 10,000 administer the school through a six man board. These members are elected to the board by their respective towns, and are not necessarily members of local boards. Three members of this particular board are not members of their local boards.

When the property was purchased for the school a barn and house were included in the purchase. At the present time the barn is used by the boys of the agricultural course for the storage of their truck and all of the remodeling work on the barn is being done by students. The house, with the first floor occupied by the caretaker, is used by the advanced home economics class members for practical training. Twice a year, for one week periods, five girls and a teacher live in the house, doing all the work, such as, cooking, decorating, etc. The girls may entertain visitors here and also maintain the grounds around the house. This year they planted a rock garden by the brook that runs through the property.

In addition to the practical training at this house, three fully equipped rooms are provided for them in the main building. A large living room, a kitchen completely equipped with four sets of all appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, etc., and a sewing room.

The boys, in addition to using the barn for practical work have a large industrial arts shop with 21 stations — fully equipped, with all the machinery donated by the people of Salisbury, one of the six towns in the consolidation. The agricultural course has 30 boys, with 50% of the time being spent on agriculture. Classroom work is applied in practical work on the farm. At the same time, there is a special Agriculture course for GI's, with two instructors and 40 students. Dr. Stoddard indicated that the enrollment may be enlarged at any time with the addition of a third instructor.

The full sized gym, now used also as an auditorium, seats nearly 700 people and is completely equipped with modern bleachers and seats. The boys' dressing and shower room is located in the basement, while the girls' room is on the first floor adjoining the gym. The boys' room, along with the boiler room, is the only space used or available on the basement level.

Two custodians, appointed at the opening of the school 10 years ago, following an examination of 30 candidates, are responsible for the inside and outside maintenance. The chief custodian receives \$3000 salary, in addition to the rent free use of the lower floor of the house on the property, while the assistant custodian has a salary of \$2800.

Dr. Stoddard said that he expected to see a peak enrollment of 625 by the end of a ten year period. 84 students are graduating this year. The building, more or less square in shape, did not get an auditorium when it was constructed, however, officials very wisely provided in their planning for the eventual construction of an auditorium. The present center court will be the site of the auditorium. The stage was part of the original construction, as was the projection booth, and the footings in the center court. A recent bond issue of \$360,000 was made for the construction of this auditorium.

Plans are underway to develop the athletic field in the near future. The school supports four sports: six-man football, basketball, track and baseball, with an unofficial ski team also included in the list of sports activities.

The school operated lunch room, with six outside employees, with a fully modern kitchen, providing full meals for all students and teachers, is heading for a profitable year after having operated in the red last year. The operation of the cafeteria is assisted materially by the government subsidy of 9 cents per meal as well as the large amount of food being furnished this year by the Department of Agriculture. The visiting group from Union 22 had lunch in the school cafeteria.

The wide corridors of the school have an asphalt tile floor and the ceilings are acoustically plastered. The school also has an inside telephone system, as well as a school-wide public address system used for announcements, radio programs, etc.

A large sign on Route 7, overlooking the school, invites the passing motorist to visit the Housatonic Valley Regional High School and according to Dr. Stoddard many people have taken advantage of this offer to inspect this very tangible result of six towns working in close harmony.

Those attending from Northfield were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbey, I. J. Lawrence, Mott P. Guhae, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller, Unto Hantunen, Frank Williams, George W. Carr. Students attending were Rosemary Mroczek and Eleanor Fisher.

Supt. F. Sumner Turner, of School Union 22, was responsible for arranging the trip and was a member of the group.

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- Q—Is there any way I may get a waiver or an adjustment on the amount I owe VA on my defaulted GI loan? The default resulted through no fault of mine.
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- Q—Does a veteran have to be honorably discharged to be awarded monetary benefits by VA?
- A—Under existing laws, it is not necessary for a veteran to have an honorable discharge to be awarded benefits. However, it is necessary that he be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Q—As a World War II veteran, will I have to pay a fee to have someone represent me in my claim for benefits by VA?
- A—If you are represented by an official of an accredited service organization or the American Red Cross, there is no fee. If you are represented by a lawyer or agent who has been admitted to practice before VA, such attorney or agent is permitted to charge \$10 in an original claim, or \$2 in a claim for increased benefits.
- Q—May I appear personally before the Rating Board in my own behalf?
- A—Yes, but you must make a definite appointment to do so and be punctual if the hour of hearing has been designated.
- Q—I wish to convert \$5,000 of my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance and continue the balance as term insurance. Will I be permitted to do this?
- A—Yes, this is permissible under the law.
- Q—My widow's pension was discontinued when I rented my home to increase my income. I now reside in my home and wish to re-apply for a widow's pension. (Will a reasonable rental value be counted as income?)
- A—No. The reasonable rental value of such property is not a factor in arriving at the amount of annual income.
- Q—Will you please tell me in what order of preference the flag will be disposed of following burial of a veteran.
- A—Priority is as follows: widow or widower; children according to age, with sons having preference over daughters; father; mother; brothers or sisters; uncles or aunts; nephews or nieces; cousins; and grandparents. In-laws and friends are not entitled. Except where circumstances existing at time of death prevented the issuance of a flag to drape the casket, no flag will be issued subsequent to the burial.
- Q—Are patients in VA hospitals permitted unlimited participation in competitive sports?
- A—Patients may participate only

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Down The Drain?

June 5, 1949.

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The contract for this work was awarded to W. D. Miller, despite the fact that C. L. Johnson was the low bidder on the job by the sum of \$25.00. Mr. Johnson has been in the plumbing and heating business in this town for over 40 years, and a taxpayer of considerable amount for the same length of time. A man certainly cannot be termed "Incompetent" if he has been able to practice the same trade in the same town for over 40 years. One cannot help but believe that "personal fancies and prejudices" on the part of some members of the Board of Trustees influenced their decision in favor of Mr. Miller. This is a case of throwing \$25.00 of the taxpayers' money "down the drain", and it would not appear that public opinion would condone such action.

It is apropos at this time to point out that during the past year Mr. Miller was given all the work on all the town buildings.

The Selectmen offered as an explanation for work being done in Town Hall by only one plumber the fact that the same firm taking care of Town Hall all the time can better do the work by reason of familiarity with the layout, etc. This same explanation cannot be offered for the fact that this same plumber also takes care of the two school buildings and the Library, with none of the work being done by Mr. Johnson. No blame is being laid on the laps of the Selectmen for allocation of work in the schools and Library because the School Committee and Library Trustees control work done in those buildings.

It does not seem just that one firm should control the work done in all these buildings, to the total exclusion of a local competitor. Is it not possible for these local supervisory bodies to get together and make a fair and equitable distribution of work during the year? Lacking this simple way out, perhaps the only other alternative would be the establishment of an impartial Town Purchasing and Allocation-of-Work Committee at a Town Meeting. This Committee would be empowered to oversee Town purchases of equipment and materials and allocation of work among contractors. It may be argued that this latter course of action would prove to be unwieldy and inflexible, so perhaps before public opinion inflicts such a questionable burden upon town governing bodies they had best repair their own fences.

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16—Birthday of U. S. Quartermaster Corps, 1775.
17—Announcement of reader, 1941.

MOURNED
J. FREDERICK PEXTON
J. Frederick Pexton, 63 of Bronxville, N. Y., died of a heart attack June 4.
Mr. Pexton was an account executive and assistant to the president of Norm Advertising Co., Inc., of New York City.

He was born in Rutland, Vt., and attended the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was a member of the Advertising Club of New York and a veteran of World War I.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Zimmerman Pexton, granddaughter of the late Lillian and Maria Moody of East Northfield and a sister, Mrs. Hollis Blodgett of Castleton, Vt.
Funeral services were held at the Burr-Davis Chapel, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., on June 6. The Rev. George Duff of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church officiated. Interment was in the Center cemetery on Tuesday where Chaplain B. R. Andrews, Jr., of the Northfield School for Girls conducted a brief service.
Mr. and Mrs. Pexton have been coming to Northfield for many years visiting at the home of their son and his wife the former Dorothy McGowan.

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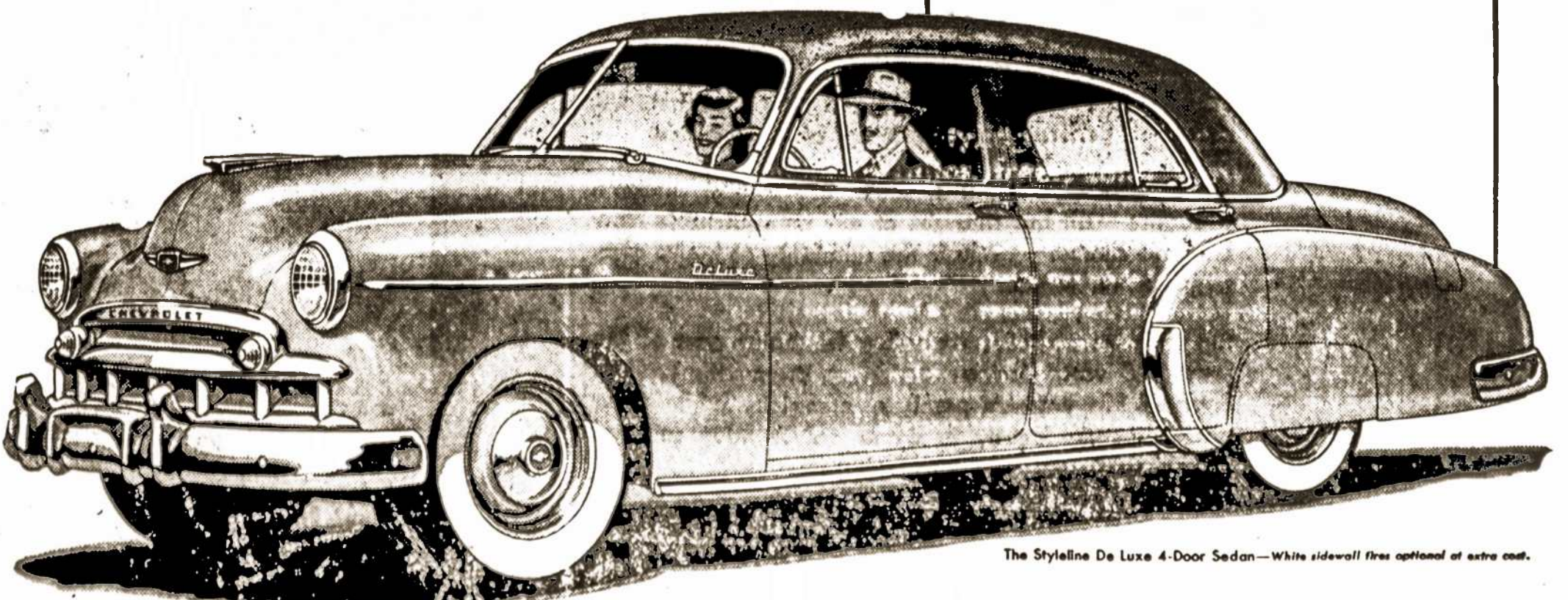
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by Gertrude C. Whitney

On talking with local people who like to raise vegetables, I have verified my previous statement that the growing season is well in advance of most years, probably two weeks ahead. The larger stuff, such as peas, potatoes, and pumpkins, is coming right along, but the protracted dry spell burned up many of the smaller seeds like beets, carrots and lettuce and some of the farmers will have to plant again. Personally, I always soaked beans, beets, corn and peas before planting; that goes for nasturtium seeds too, also morning glory seed. Now and then we get an unusually wet season and then the seeds rot in the ground and a fresh lot must be put in. Ordinarily the soaking method works all right.

I am glad to learn of the active interest in bee culture in Franklin County. This is important, for the bees and the birds are man's best allies in agricultural pursuits, whether in bringing vegetable or fruit crops to successful maturity. Judging from the abundance of bloom on the apple trees this year, one would naturally expect a bumper crop. I was surprised recently when I learned from an orchardist that the bees weren't working very well here in Northfield, although they were doing well in West Brattleboro. This of course is a matter of real concern to those who raise apples and depend on the bees to cross-pollinate the apple blossoms. The University of Massachusetts is experimenting with pollen blown from guns, on the flit-gun idea, I suppose. I shall await results with interest.

Raising one's own bees insures a larger apple yield, all things being favorable. I was reading an article lately, (reprinted from the "American Fruit Grower") in which setting bee-hives throughout the orchard was recommended to insure more even pollination because in damp weather the bees cannot fly so well or so far.

An interesting sidelight on the habits of bees was brought out by a neighbor the other day. The bee of course is the classic example of industry, but it seems that the honey-bee "knocks off" work at 4 p. m. (no doubt a worker's union

has been set up in the hives); the lumbering bumble-bee, however, keeps right at work until dark and sometimes goes to sleep in a flower. Have you not seen them hovering over your flower beds at dusk?

Much valuable information on spraying and general care of fruits and vegetables can be gained by tuning in on the 6:30 a. m. broadcasts of the agricultural programs over Radio Station WHAI or early morning broadcasts of other stations within earshot. WHAI particularly is working hand-and-glove with the Univ. of Massachusetts in this respect and I have been hearing some programs lately on a wide variety of agricultural subjects that would prove most helpful to listeners having early breakfast.

As an example, during the interview held by Mr. Don Tuttle of WHAI with the group of English young people who have just come over to study our farming methods, Miss Mary Howe was asked what was the favorite apple in England, to which she replied, "The Pippin, for it is equally good for eating or cooking." Over here it is regrettable that the only pippins we ever see are those pictured on tobacco cans. The name is still preserved in the slang expression: "It's a pippin!" Or maybe that came from England. O, for the good old varieties that seem to have passed out along with the currant, the gooseberry and the quince — the Gillyflowers, the Jonathans, the Sheenoses and the Wine-saps! The same way with peaches, certain varieties are exploited — not always the best, to my thinking. There are no finer peaches than the Crawford and the Crosby but they have had to give way, through hopeless competition with a large Western brand, the Elberta, which is picked unripe and consequently the tang of the stone permeates and spoils the whole peach for eating. "Nuff said!"

AS I SEE IT

There are certain aspects of life which directly reflect the society which fosters them. The local newspaper falls into this category. A small town weekly is not comparable in scope to the daily New York Times or the Boston Herald, but each in turn does reflect the community for which it serves.

For the past three years I have been a regular reader of the Northfield Press. There have been many issues in which the dirth of real news has been appalling. This absence of news — real down to earth local news — made it imperative for the editor to fill out the four pages with stereotyped AP releases or more advertising material. Such a condition indeed reflected a community which was not progressive in its thinking. Otherwise, there would have been published innumerable letters and comments by local people and a more thorough coverage of local news events. Come to think of it — guess there were no outstanding events with which to deal. In like manner the editorials were ineffective in moulding public opinion, for public opinion was static.

Our local newspaper during the past year has become more meaningful. In my opinion it has greatly improved. The complete report of the Town-elected Swimming Pool Committee was printed in full. More people are taking an active interest in contributing by their writings with letters and columns. The Editor and Assistant Editor deserve credit for attempting to draw people out in expressing their opinions publicly. It was Mr. and Mrs. Hantunen who started the forums last year. At times it must have been very discouraging when only a few people turned out to talk about some of the important issues that confront us. However from those small beginnings the inception of the Central Planning Board became a reality. The CPC though still very much in its infancy is something for Northfield to be proud of, for it is a unifying organization which can get things accomplished for the benefit of the entire community. The forums conducted by the CPC have been valuable assets in having community topics publicly discussed.

In many towns, the editor of the local newspaper regularly attends the selectmen's meetings and presents to residents of his community a full coverage of the actions of the Selectmen. This also provides good editorial material because of its community-wide interest. Mr. Editor may I suggest that you attend each meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Northfield and report through the Northfield Press to your town?

M. P. G.

BREEZE

by HAROLD A. BRIESMASTER

The Cat Burglar

The "cat burglar", Boston's notorious thief, is in jail again. He was arrested after another theft of cash and jewels from a Beacon Hill apartment.

Apprehended three times and paroled three times since 1938, the "cat burglar" is a notable example of how the professional criminals are faring these days. They are doing well. Business is good with them, although there is always the danger of arrest, chances are even in that case that they would be paroled to continue their career in crime.

A large percentage of those arrested these days had previous jail records. This situation is alarming, and is a nation-wide problem.

Many a parolee has led an honest useful life after leaving reformatory, yet there are numerous others that flout the law soon after gaining freedom. Second or third time offenders should not be released so quickly, if at all. Science, psychology, and modern methods of handling prisoners have not been effective enough, as evidenced by the number of broken paroles. Respect for the law is obviously on the decline because of the emphasis being placed on leniency.

Since jobs are harder to find now, the temptation of a career in crime is increasing. The prospect of jail is not frightening to "career thieves" for the modern jails are comfortable places, and there is always the opportunity for an early parole, if the convicted one is reasonably "good" in jail.

The increases in minor and major crimes has been recognized by a Greenfield bank which has recently distributed a crime prevention booklet to home owners in that town as a community service. Citizens there are welcoming the chance to cooperate with the police for better law enforcement.

Naturally, penologists and parole boards are cognizant of the crime problem. Perhaps they should give more attention to the origins of the crime impulse. Often law breakers get their start in the organized gangs of the cities, where youth, away from the influence of the

home, begins to veer from honest society. Indifferent parents find it easier to let the gangs bring up their children, instead of guiding them along the straighter paths themselves. Embryo criminals are thus started on their way.

Crime prevention experts and parole boards should create a healthy respect for the law by keeping professional criminals in jail, and making paroles the exception rather than the rule.

Yes, the "cat burglar" is in jail now. But no doubt he'll be out on parole again soon, and may even start working his way across the state towards this town.



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Wednesday, June 15,
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Former Camp Head Now in Cincinnati

Miss Hazel Harper, formerly of the New York City Mission and Head of the Virginia Fresh Air Camp, now lives at 1913 Chapel street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Recently Miss Harper wrote a long newsy letter to her wide circle of friends reporting on her activities for the past eight months.

After visiting in seven states she arrived at her sister's home in Ohio on November first and six weeks later took a job in the office of the Covenant-First Presbyterian church of Cincinnati.

Amusingly Miss Harper writes of her job:

"Covenant-First is a large downtown church with a long list of varied activities, with none of which I have anything to do except as spectator. This being responsible for just one thing, the office work, is new and strange to me, and none too grateful. Does the Sunday School need some one to play the

piano? I don't have to do it or get some one for the job. The organist can't come for early Easter service? 'Tain't up to me. Does the cook need a hand in the kitchen? No concern of mine. The material for a class hasn't come? So what? The janitor needs something and doesn't know where to get it? I'm a stranger here myself. The social secretary needs extra help for a big dinner and doesn't know where she will find it. Neither do I. The youngsters are raising ructions? Yo-hum! They ain't mine. AND MY SOUL, HOW I MISS IT! It is very hard to refrain from offering to do things that I'm used to attending to, but that is not the custom, so I stick to my type-writer and mimeographing and bookkeeping."

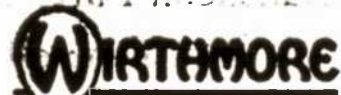
She also writes amusingly about the people, the transportation, traffic, the long flights of stairs in the city, of her childhood, the baseball craze and "honey."

"I was not prepared for the universal use of the word 'honey', and was at first inclined to be a bit stiff when saluted, 'Well, honey, what can I do for you?' at the shops, but I don't mind now; it's really merely the equivalent of the Rivington Street 'Dollin' to which I responded for so many years, the Fourteenth street 'dearie', and the Madison Avenue 'maddom'. All of a piece. Though I didn't use to hear the last nearly so often as the first two; Madison Avenue was rather out of my ballwick."

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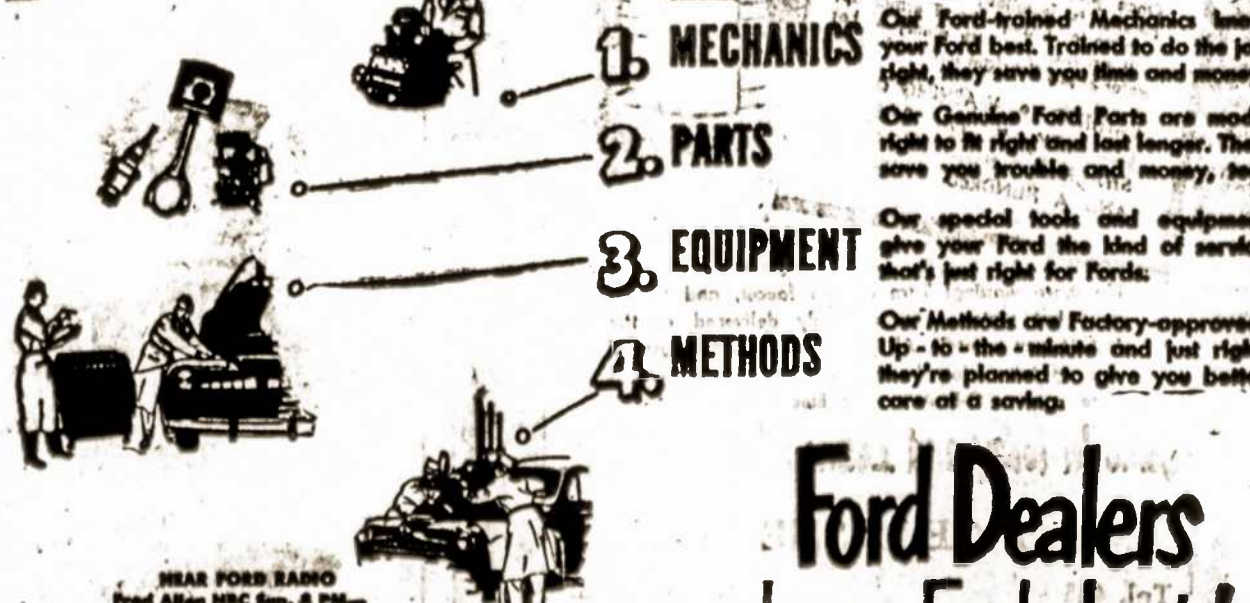
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